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SUBJECT: TASS SELECTIVELY REPORTS THE PRESIDENT'S  
"U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT" INTERVIEW

SUMMARY: TASS GIVES A POSITIVE READ-OUT OF THE  
PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS TO "U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT"  
ON SALT, BUT FAULTS HIM FOR CRITICISM OF THE SOVIETS  
ON AFRICA AND HUMAN RIGHTS. TASS ALSO CHIDES THE  
PRESIDENT FOR HIS SILENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA.  
END SUMMARY.

1. PRAVDA AUGUST 15 CARRIES A TASS ITEM FROM  
NEW YORK PROVIDING A SELECTIVE SUMMARY OF THOSE  
SEGMENTS OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S INTERVIEW IN "U.S.  
NEWS AND WORLD REPORT" DEALING WITH SALT, SOVIET/  
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CUBAN INTERFERENCE IN AFRICA, AND HUMAN RIGHTS.  
ALTHOUGH WE LACK A FULL TEXT OF THE INTERVIEW, IT  
APPEARS TASS PLAYS THE SEGMENT ON SALT MOSTLY  
STRAIGHT, QUOTING THE PRESIDENT'S ASSURANCE THAT  
DIFFERENCES WITH THE USSR HAVE NOT DELAYED THE  
NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAS BEEN  
ACHIEVED. THE PRESIDENT'S HOPE THAT AGREEMENT CAN

BE REACHED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAYS, THROUGH THE RESOLUTION OF TWO OR THREE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS, IS ALSO REPORTED.

2. TASS TURNS TO EDITORIALIZING, HOWEVER, IN REPORTING THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS ON AFRICA AND HUMAN RIGHTS. AFTER QUOTING THE PRESIDENT THAT SOVIET AND CUBAN INTERFERENCE IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS ACCOUNTS FOR U.S. CONCERN, TASS STATES THAT IF THERE IS TO BE TALK ABOUT "INTERFERENCE," THEN IT IS NECESSARY TO TALK ABOUT THE U.S. WHICH "UNAMBIGUOUSLY CONDUCTED SUCH A POLICY" IN RELATION TO ANGOLA AND MANY COUNTRIES OF SOUTH AFRICA AT THE TIME OF THE ZAIRE EVENTS.

3. ON HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH "THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT AGAIN CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO RAISE," TASS DECLARES THAT HIS APPEAL FOR OBSERVANCE OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS DECLARATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED AT U.S. ITSELF AND ITS ALLIES, "WHERE THE TRAMPLING OF THESE RIGHTS IS SO WELL KNOWN" IT IS NOT EVEN NECESSARY TO DWELL ON THE SUBJECT. TASS THEN ASKS: WHY DOES THE PRESIDENT - IN ADDRESSING HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS - ALWAYS CAREFULLY SKIRT THE SUBJECT AS IT RELATES TO THE MOST POPULATED COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, CHINA?

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4. COMMENT: THE TASS ITEM INTERESTINGLY DOES NOT "EDITORIALIZE" ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ON SALT, DESPITE RECENT SUGGESTIONS IN THE SOVIET PRESS THAT HIS PRONOUNCEMENTS MUST BE READ WITH CAUTION BECAUSE OF PARALLEL WHITE HOUSE STATEMENTS CALLING FOR INCREASING MILITARY EXPENDITURES. TASS' TREATMENT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE PROBABLY REFLECTS THE ATTITUDES OF MANY OFFICIAL SOVIETS HERE. WE HAVE HEARD THESE POINTS MADE PRIVATELY, ALTHOUGH THE POINT ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA ONLY INFREQUENTLY SURFACES IN THE SOVIET PRESS. TOON

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